

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-9

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH WORNICK
CO.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Blue Ash to encourage and support future desired economic development growth in Blue Ash in accordance with the 2003 Comprehensive Plan, the 2010 Final Budget, and general direction from City Council; and

WHEREAS, the management team of Wornick Co., a supplier of shelf stable foods, has recently considered relocating out of Blue Ash, however, has finalized details that will help them remain in Blue Ash; and

WHEREAS, Wornick, currently employing 580 people and planning to add 100 additional jobs in 2010, has decided to add a manufacturing line to their existing Kenwood Road/Blue Ash facility which will enable them to increase their production capacity; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the State of Ohio's Enterprise Bond Loan Fund Program, the Economic Development Director is recommending that the City of Blue Ash provide local support of \$116,000 over a two-year period to help fund Wornick's expansion in order to retain this large local employer; and

WHEREAS, this contribution from the City will be utilized by Wornick toward annual lease payments for an adjacent employee parking lot which is critical to the ongoing operations of Wornick's Blue Ash facility since they do not have sufficient on-site parking to support this expansion.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, not less than five (5) members thereof concurring,

SECTION I.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to make periodic payments to Wornick Co. for a total amount not to exceed \$116,000 over a two-year period (2010 and 2011). The intent of these funds is to support Wornick's need to lease an adjoining area for employee parking purposes which would be critical to the ongoing operations of their Blue Ash facility to support this planned product line expansion and addition of employees.

SECTION II.

The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are hereby authorized to expend the necessary funds therefor, which funds are hereby appropriated.

SECTION III.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio; the reason for the emergency being the need to provide for the continuing retention of quality Blue Ash employers in accordance with the economic development goals as established by Council. Therefore, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this 11th day of February, 2010.

Mark F. Weber, Mayor

Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark A. Vander Laan, Solicitor